kept people in the dark. It is absolutely wrong that we have done something against . . . (*Interruptions*). Please try to hear me. I am only intervening not giving full reply. This will be given to you because you have asked for details. I am not prepared with the complete details here. I would like to clarify two—three points as desired by the Chair. First thing is that, whatever has been done in regard to first and the second shipment of gold in different instatments has been done as per the decision taken by the previous Government. It is a fact as Dr. Manmohan Singh has said that these were done in circumstances where it was considered necessary in the interest of the country that our balance of paymements position was critical and in order to safequard that the decisions already taken by the earlier Government were faithfully implemented. There is nothing wrong. Nothing has been done out of the way. If you say that the country has gone bankrupt, who is responsible for this? During the last 18 months, if we see the balance of payments position, if we see the gold position, if we see the reserves that India had they had all deteriorated gradually. That is why the previous Government had actually initiated some action since the month of January this year and then ultimately this Government had to implement them to safeguard the interests of the country. Nothing has been done which is against the interests of the country. The second instalment where the gold has been sent to the Bank of London, that is not a sale it is only by way of security. We have the right under Section 33 of the Reserve Bank of India Act where we can keep 15 per cent of the gold in the Bank. That is the practice which is followed by almost all the countries. And when they have kept it in the bank, they can take timely loan for a period of one month. That is what has been done and there is nothing abnormal about it. All the countries are doing it. We have done it just to meet our obligations of foreign debt and urgent payments which was in the interest of the nation. And we have done it. There is nothing wrong about it. Such wrong message should not go out. If we are discussing such serious matters of economy, we should see to the interest of the country and from this august House we should not convey some wrong message to the nation or to the world that we have gone bankrupt. I am sorry this statement is absolutely wrong and it seems the facts are not known to the hon. Members. I will certainly urge the Finance Minister and he will give further statement and a complete picture if the Members so want.

श्री प्रमोद महाजन : अभी कुछ भेजना बाकी है क्या ?

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondicherry): V. P Singh Government was responsible for it, and you are a partner to it.

श्री प्रमोद महाजन : मैं सन् 1952 से हिसाब लगाने के लिए तैयार हूं किसने लिया.... (**व्यवधान**)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI M. A. BABY): Now Mr. S. S. Ahluwalia.

SHRI RAJ MOHAN GANDHI (Uttar Pradesh): Is the news about the latest shipment correct or not? Will the Minister inform us?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI M. A. BABY): Shri Ahluwalia.

Withdrawal of Central Forces from Bihar.

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलूवालिया (बिहार) : उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं आप के माध्यम से केन्द्रीय सरकार का ध्यान आकर्षित करना चाहता हूं कि बिहार राज्य से केन्द्रीय सरकार के अंतर्गत आने वाले जितने बल हैं उनको वहां से खिदड़ा किया जा रहा है और दूसरे-दूसरे राज्यों में और खासकर तमिलनाडु में भेजा जा रहा है। श्रीमन वैसे ही बिहार राज्य में पुलिस बल की संख्या बहुत कम है और बी.जे.पी. के श्रीराम के आन्दोलन से कम्यूनलिज्म की भावना जो जाग रही

[श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह]

है उससे वहां पर दंगे होने का अल्पसंख्यकों के मन में डर हो रहा है। जब केन्द्रीय पुलिस बल वहां से विदड्रा की जा रही हैं तो वहां के लोग घबरा रहे हैं। अभी वहां पोजिशन यह है कि हमारे बिहार में 100 स्क्वायर किलोमीटर एरिया को देखने के लिए सिर्फ 44 पुलिस के आदमी हैं जो सिविलियन हैं, उनके पास आर्म्स भी नहीं हैं। आबादी के हिसाब से देखा जाए तो 1,000 की आबादी के लिए .9 पुलिस की वहां व्यवस्था है। इस तरह की व्यवस्था वहां पर है और अगर वहां से पुलिस बल विदड्रा कर लिया जाए और दूसरी तरफ मंदिर मस्जिद के झगड़े को लेकर तनाव की स्थिति बढ़ जाए तो वहां स्थिति भयंकर हो सकती है। वहीं पर आडवाणी के रामरथ को रोका गया था। केन्द्रीय पुलिस बल उस समय वहां उपस्थित थे, इसलिए वहां पर दंगा नहीं हुआ था। जब केन्द्रीय सरकार वहां से पुलिस बल विदड्रा कर लेगी तो अल्पसंख्यकों के मन में यह भय पैदा हो रहा है कि वहां पर बहुत बड़े दंगे हो सकते हैं। मंत्री महोदय आप बिहार से आते हैं, जरा मेरी बातों पर ध्यान दें। मैं कह रहा था कि वहां से केन्द्रीय पुलिस बलों को विदड्रा किया जा रहा है जिससे माइनॉरिटीज के मन में आशंका है कि वहां दंगे हो सकते हैं। कोई भी वाक्या हो जाएगा तो केन्द्रीय सरकार उसके लिए जिम्मेदार होगी क्योंकि वहां से केन्द्रीय पुलिस बलों को विदड्रा कर रही है। साढ़े 8 करोड़ की पापुलेशन के लिए राज्य पुलिस बल की संख्या 77315 है। वहां केन्द्रीय पुलिस बलों के समर्थन से राज्य की अवस्था सुधरी रहती थी। लेकिन पिछले डेढ़ साल से वहां पर सांप्रदायिक दंगों का जो माहौल चल रहा था वह और बढ़ेगा और वहां पर दंगे हो सकते हैं।

मैं आपके माध्यम से सरकार से मांग करता हूं कि केन्द्रीय बलों को वहां रोका जाए और अतिरिक्त पुलिस बल भेजकर वहां की जनता को दंगों से सुरक्षा का आश्वासन दिया जाए।

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रामेश्वर ठाकुर): मैं समझता हूं कि माननीय सदस्य ने जो विचार रखे हैं वह सभी दृष्टियों से उपयुक्त हैं। हम इनकी भावनाओं से गृह मंत्री जी को अवगत कराएंगे।

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI M. A. BABY): Now the matter is closed. We continue with the discussion on the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address.

Shri V. M. Jadhav.

MOTION OF THANKS ON THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS——Contd

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV (Maharashtra): Mr. Vice-Chairman, thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to speak on the President's Address. My esteemed colleague, Smt. Jayanthi Natarajan had initiated the discussion and it was seconded by Shri Syed Sibtey Razi. This is the darkest period in Indian history as far as the law and order situation is concerned We, both the Upper House and the Lower House, are meeting in the Session in the absence of our late beloved leader, Shri Rajiv Gandhi. The country has paid a very heavy price for the misrule of the previous Governments. There were two Governments in a period of 18 months. Just now, the Members from the Opposition are talking about the transfer of gold and other things. Why has this situation arisen now? That is the main question. Why had it not happened 18 months ago? The hon. Member said that every country can pay 15 per cent of gold to a foreign bank. There is nothing wrong about that. But frequently, we are transferring gold from our country to a foreign bank to acquire foreign exchange and get loan from them. That is not a very honourable thing to our country because our country is facing a total crisis. I remember what late Shri Yashwantraoji Chavan, former Deputy Prime Minister said, when Indiraji died, "Our country is pass-